

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed concurrently with a RCE. The amendment filed 5/21/2007 is hereby repeated.

In the Advisory Action mailed 06/05/2007 the examiner indicated that S1 and S2 in Hoppe et al. would still meet the limitations of claim 16. Claim 16 has been amended above to clarify applicants' claimed invention. As amended, claim 16 states that the windows in the mask tape are configured to allow insertion of the integrated circuits through the windows for subsequent mounting onto the second face of the substrate tape. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Hoppe et al. that "26" is configured to allow insertion of the integrated circuit (17) through the window (26) for subsequent mounting onto the second face (S2) of the substrate tape (11, 5).

Claim 1 has also been amended above to clarify applicants' claimed invention.

Claims 22-28 have been added above to further claim the features recited therein.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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